that DMT supplied by M/s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited is acceptable by users.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Telephone in Frozen telephone exchanges

2713. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide telephones in the Frozen Telephone Exchanges after taking 20 to 25 thousand rupees per connection; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Engineering Projects India Limited

2714. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the two projects of the Engineering Projects (India) Limited viz., ABHP in Kuwait and OMBP in Iraq;

(b) if so, the results of the said inquiry;

(c) if no inquiry has been conducted so far, whether that would be conducted now; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Committee on Public Undertakings in its 50th Report has already gone into this matter in details and action in terms of the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government have been taken by the management of EPI/Government.

Grant of rebate on unsold khadi

2715. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Khadi and Village Industries Association has approached his Ministry for rebate on the unsold khadi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. Rebate is payable only on Khadi sold.

(b) Does not arise.

RUBBER FOR TYRE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

2716. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of rubber required for tyre and allied industries in the country in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that indigenous manufacturers are getting lesser prices than their foreign counterparts; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) The consumption of rubber viz. natural rubber and synthetic rubber during